

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for protecting use of resources in a network, comprising:
receiving a communication address request for a temporary communication address from a mobile station, the communication address request including an identifier of the ~~the~~ mobile station; and
processing the communication address request based on a failure count accessed using the identifier for the ~~the~~ mobile station, the failure count indicating a number of times the mobile station has been denied registration.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises:
accessing the failure count for the mobile station based on the identifier; and
ignoring the communication address request ~~if~~ when the failure count exceeds a predetermined threshold.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the processing step comprises:
continuing with a registration process ~~if~~ when the failure count does not exceed a predetermined threshold.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
incrementing the failure count for the mobile station ~~if~~ when during the registration process the mobile station is not authenticated.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
sending a message to the mobile station instructing the mobile station not to attempt registration for a predetermined period of time ~~if~~ when the incremented failure count equals or exceeds the predetermined threshold.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the mobile station is a mobile station in one of a wireless data network and a wireless voice network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
decrementing the failure count after a predetermined period of time has elapsed from the sending step.
8. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
decrementing the failure count after a predetermined period of time.
9. (Cancel)
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9~~19~~, further comprising:
incrementing the failure count for the mobile station~~if~~ when a failure count was accessed and~~if~~ when during the registration process the mobile station is not authenticated; and
initializing a failure count for the mobile station to an initial value~~if~~ when a failure count does not exist for the mobile station and~~if~~ when during the registration process the mobile station is not authenticated.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the mobile station is a mobile station in one of a wireless data network and a wireless voice network.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
incrementing the failure count for the mobile station~~if~~ when during a registration process the mobile station is not authenticated.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
sending a message to the mobile station instructing the mobile station not to attempt registration for a predetermined period of time~~if~~ when the incremented failure count equals or exceeds the predetermined threshold.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
decrementing the failure count after a predetermined period of time has elapsed from the sending step.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
decrementing the failure count after a predetermined period of time.
16. (Cancel)
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~16~~20, further comprising:
incrementing the failure count for the mobile station ~~if~~ when a failure count was accessed and ~~if~~ when during the registration process the mobile station is not authenticated; and
initializing a failure count for the mobile station to an initial value ~~if~~ when a failure count does not exist for the mobile station and ~~if~~ when during the registration process the mobile station is not authenticated.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile station is a mobile station in one of a wireless data network and a wireless voice network.
19. (New) A method for protecting use of resources in a network, comprising:
receiving a communication address request for a temporary communication address from a mobile station, the communication address request including an identifier of the mobile station; and
determining a failure count corresponding to the identifier for the mobile station exists, which indicates a number of times the mobile station has been denied registration;
processing the communication address request when the failure count corresponding to the identifier satisfies one of the following conditions, (1) not existing and (2) existing but not exceeding a threshold.
20. (New) A method for protecting use of resources in a network, comprising:
receiving a communication address request for a temporary communication address from a mobile station, the communication address request including an identifier of the mobile station; and
determining a failure count corresponding to the identifier for the mobile station exists, which indicates a number of times the mobile station has been denied registration;
processing the communication address request when a failure count corresponding to the identifier is found not to exist.